with the stake holders including Trade Unions to bring about a workable consensus for implementation of the recommendations of the Second National Commission on Labour. The Report of the Commision was discussed in the Indian Labour Conference held on 28-29 September, 2002 and in a two-day National Seminar on Un-organised Sector Labour on 7-8 November, 2002. Government is also planning to convene a tripartite committee meeting in February, 2003. All stake holders would be involved in the ongoing process of consultation.

Pending cases of EPF and Pension accounts

981. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases are pending for settlement of EPF and Pension accounts all over the counry;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for pendency of such large number of cases;

(d) whether Government have formulated a plan to reorganise EPF Organisation all over the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken for inclusion of unorganised labour in EPFO?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Region-wise figure of pending claims under EPF & Pension Scheme as on 31.3.2002, is enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(c) Delays generally occur due to submission of incomplete informaiton and improper attestation of forms by the subscribers.

(d) and (e) Employees Provident Fund Organisation has taken up a modernisation programme, which will enable the subscribers to access their accounts and file their claims from any of the EPF offices as against the present system which limit them only to one office, where they are registered.

(f) Possibilities are being explored by the Government for extending pension coverage to identifiable groups who are presently not covered under the EPF Scheme.

Statement

Region-wise details of pending claims under EPF and Pension Scheme

Region	Pendency as on 31.3.2002 (EPF Claims)	Pendency as on 31.3.2002 (Pension Claims)
Andhra Pradesh	5	9
Bihar	0	55
Chhattisgarh	95	83
Delhi	1730	1830
Goa	8	7
Gujarat	4242	4943
Himachal Pradesh	22	15
Haryana	49	71
Jharkhand	11	166
Karnataka	3742	10168
Kerala	38	1027
Madhya Pradesh	16174	26646
Maharashtra	369	257
North Eastern Region	269	1021
Orissa	0	0
Punjab	1790	2210
Rajasthan	232	342
Tamil Nadu	7104	1137
Uttaranchal	44	1
Uttar Pradesh	6565	8268
West Bengal	2575	6320
TOTAL:	45064	74831